

**MINUTES OF THE
EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 20, 2001 - 8:00 a.m. - Room 303 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Howard A. Stephenson,
Senate Chair
Rep. Marda Dillree,
House Chair
Sen. D. Chris Buttars
Sen. Karen Hale
Sen. David H. Steele
Sen. Michael G. Waddoups
Sen. Bill Wright
Rep. Jeff Alexander
Rep. Afton B. Bradshaw
Rep. Judy Ann Buffmire
Rep. Margaret Dayton
Rep. James A. Ferrin
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Bradley T. Johnson
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold
Rep. Loraine T. Pace
Rep. LaWanna Shurtliff
Rep. Matt Throckmorton

Members Absent:

Sen. Pete Suazo
Rep. Duane E. Bourdeaux
Rep. A. Lamont Tyler

Members Excused:

Rep. J. Morgan Philpot

Staff Present:

Ms. Constance C. Steffen,
Research Analyst
Mr. Dee S Larsen,
Associate General Counsel
Ms. Wendy L. Bangerter,
Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

1. Call To Order

Chair Dillree called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Newbold moved to approve the minutes of May 23, 2001, with the correction that she was present at the time the meeting was adjourned. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Buttars and Rep. Johnson absent for the vote.

2. Consider Proposed Legislation, "Applied Technology Governance"

Rep. Ron Bigelow explained that the proposed legislation had been modified and noted that additional changes will be made on the floor during the special session. He distributed and reviewed handouts showing the proposed applied technology education governance system, board powers and duties, and budget and capital facilities requests procedures.

Mr. Tom Bingham, Utah Manufacturers Association, distributed and reviewed comments on the proposed legislation. He emphasized the critical need for technical training and warned

that if too much general education is included in applied technology education, then the focus will be diverted from technological training. He stated that the business community should be the driving force with a focus on skills, not degrees. He advocated for the use of advisory committees made up of businesses that use the graduates of the applied technology colleges.

Mr. Kim Burningham, State Board of Education, stated that the board is very concerned that a change in governance will neglect the needs of the secondary student, but it recognizes the efforts made in the bill to address specific concerns. Should the bill pass, he said, the board will work to make it successful. He emphasized that the real problem is that many students cannot avail themselves of an applied technology center, because there aren't enough in existence.

Mr. Charles Johnson, Utah Board of Regents, stated that the Board of Regents is comprised of business people. He noted that this bill enables entities to work together under one system to provide a good education. He stated the board supports the bill and emphasized that applied technology education will remain a priority for higher education.

Ms. Cecelia Foxley, Utah System of Higher Education, stated that the new associate degree included in the bill will not be the same as associate degrees from universities, but will still be transferrable.

Mr. Tom Marcheschi, Ogden High Community Council, distributed and reviewed a list of questions the council felt were not addressed in the legislation or in the discussion.

Ms. Karen Derrick, Board of Education of the Salt Lake City School District and chair of the Wasatch Front South Applied Technology Center Board, expressed concern that the needs of the secondary student will not be met in the legislation. She also expressed concern that the majority of the members of the applied technology college boards are from the business community.

Ms. Sarah Myer, Board of Education of the Granite School District and parent, expressed concern that not everyone is served by an applied technology center and that the legislature is continuing to sidestep the real issue, which is funding.

4. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Throckmorton moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Buttars and Rep. Johnson absent for the vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.